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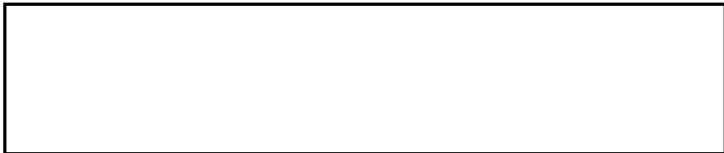
MEMORANDUM FOR: Directorate Information Processing Coordinators

SUBJECT : Resolution of the COINS Issue

1. The Executive Director-Comptroller has asked me to put the COINS issue to the Information Processing Board for recommended action. He wishes that the Board's judgment be conveyed to the Deputies in a briefing which I have been asked to give early in September.

2. The issue is both whether and how to continue participation in the COINS experiment, the current arrangement being unsatisfactory to all concerned. I attach, for information, the most recent letter from DIRNSA and the DCI response (Tab A). Also attached (Tab B) is a recent study by AD/OCS on alternative methods of proceeding in COINS; this study should serve as the basis for beginning discussions at a Board meeting which I would like to set for Wednesday, 12 August at 10:00 in Room 6 E 0708.

3. I would note that in considering alternatives we will need estimates as to total impact: money, people, equipment, space, organizational options, et al. I would also note that, having been involved now for nearly seven years in COINS frustration, it may be difficult to rise to creative heights, but that's the job. I urge the Board members to think in Agency terms and to project some years in the future -- when resource constraints, or our own Community maturity, may cause us to share the load in information handling.

  
Chairman, Information Processing Board

Attachments:  
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cc:  COINS Project Manager  
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